

Amendment and Response
to Office Action dated 11/29/2007

PATENT
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Examiner: Necholus Ogden, Jr.
Art Unit: 1796
Attorney Docket No. 249-06/H05138

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the United States Patent Application of :

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Application No.: 10/694,549
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Claiming priority of International Application
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and German Application
No. DE 101 20 441.8, filed April 25, 2001 :

Title: **DETERGENT SHAPED BODIES WITH VISCOELASTIC PHASE**

Petition for Extension Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a)

On November 29, 2007, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an Office Action. A period of three months was provided for Applicants' Response. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time from the February 29, 2008, deadline to April 29, 2008, to file their Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. The \$460.00 extension fee is being paid by credit card during the electronic-filing procedure.

Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

Concurrently with the electronic filing of this Amendment and Response, Applicants are submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and requesting an extension of time of two months. The \$810.00 RCE fee and the \$460.00 extension fee, which total \$1,270.00 are being paid by credit card during the e-filing procedure. However, in the event that the payment is incorrect, the Director is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 160750 of the undersigned attorney's law firm.

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Dear Sir:

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To United States Patent and Trademark Office
Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.111

I. Introduction

Applicants' Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated November 29, 2007. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for Applicants' response of three months, *i.e.*, to February 29, 2008. Applicants submit herewith a request for a two-month extension of time to file Applicants' reply, *i.e.*, to April 29, 2008. Accordingly, Applicants' reply, which is being filed electronically on April 29, 2008, is timely.

The Action is a Final Action. Accordingly, Applicants also submit a Request for Continued Examination with the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e). Under 37 C.F.R. Section 114(d), "If an applicant timely files a submission and fee set forth in Section 1.17(e), the Office will withdraw the finality of any Office Action and the submission will be entered and considered." For that reason, Applicants' Amendment and Response is captioned as being under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.111.